Talks on border dispute between India and China

1049. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when the next official meeting is likely to be held between India and China on the border dispute; and

(b) whether there is any fresh approach in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) No dates have been fixed.

(b) Government's efforts are directed at arriving at a fair and reasonable settlement of the boundary question, consistent with our national interests.

Pak Currency in Kashmir Valley

1050. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistani currency is being used a legal tender in certain areas of Kashmir Valley where militants dominate; if so, what action has been taken by Government against the same;

(b) whether Government are also aware of reports that in certain cases some shopkeepers and traders have refused to accept Indian currency following threats by militants; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have informed that there is no such information with them. The report is unfounded.

(c) Does not arise.

Proof of Pakistan's assistance to secessionist activity in Kashmir

1051. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. State Department has told the Foreign Secretary of the Government of India that the United States sees no hard evidence and concrete proof of Pakistan officially aiding secessionist activities in Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of roads, bridges and highways by Private Sector

1052. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a policy for participation of private sector in constructio of roads, bridges and highways;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the total capital outlay required for the purpose and how the private seetor would be able to harness such resources;

(c) whether it is envisaged that the private sector would raise the capital from the domestic market or from International agencies; and

(d) whether any proposal has been formulated in this regard; if so, salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Government had in July, 1985 by a public notice invited proposals from private sector for the construction of national highways, but no suitable offer was received. Government would, however, consider any further offers as and when received.

(b) and (c) The total capital outlay required for the purpose has note been assessed. The private sector who wants to pursue proposals in this regard will have to raise resources from sources such as financial institutions and capital market.

(d) In order to facilitate the participation of private sector several measures have been envisaged which include the declaration of road sector as an industry so as to facilitate lending by financing institution, consideration of highways as art of infrastrcture so as to permit the floating on bonds, issue of notification relaxing the provision of MRTP Act so as to atract large firms into highway sector and amendment of National Highways Act to enable fees to be levied on selected stretches of National Highways.

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1053. **श्री मीर्जा इर्शादबेग :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में ऐसे शहरों, नगरों और गांवों की राज्यवार संख्या क्या है जिनमें एस०टी०डी० की सुविधा प्रदान की गई है और भविष्य में कितने और स्थानों पर यह सुविधा प्रदान की जाएगी और उक्त सुविधा उपलब्ध कराए जाने का नियत समय क्या है;

(ख) इस समय टेलीफोन विभाग में कार्य कर रही कौन सी प्रणालियां हैं तथा उनमें कौन सी प्रणाली उत्कृष्ट है; और

(ग) उक्त प्रणाली पूरे देश में कब तक तथा किन-किन स्थानों पर लागू की जाएगी ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्री, साथ में विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री दिनेश गोस्वामी) : (क) 15-3-90 की स्थिति के अनुसार 810 केन्द्रों (शहरों, कस्बों और गांवों) में एस टी डी सुविधा सुलभ कराई गई है । राज्यवार ब्योरा विवरण में दिया गया है । **(नीचे देखिए)**

संसाधन और उपस्कर उपलब्ध होने पर आठवीं योजना अवधि के दौरान लगभग 1700 अतिरिक्त स्थानों में यह सुविधा सुलभ कराने की योजना है ।

(ख) मूलतः देश में तीन प्रकार की टेलीफोन स्विचिंग प्रणालियां कार्य कर रही हैं । जिनके नाम इस प्रकार हैं :— (1) करचल एक्सचेंज प्रणाली (2) इलेक्ट्रो मकेनिकल एक्सचेंज प्रणाली और (3) इलक्ट्रानिक एक्सचेंज प्रणाली इन तीनों प्रणालियों में से इलैक्ट्रानिक स्विचिंग प्रणाली उत्तम मानी जाती है ।

(ग) करचल एक्सचेंज प्रणालियों के स्थान पर वर्ष 1995 तक उपर्युक्त (2) या (3) किस्म की एक्सचेंज प्रणाली लगाने का प्रस्ताव है । दूसरी किस्म की टेलीफोन प्रणाली के स्थान पर इनकी उपयोगिता समाप्त होने के बाद इलक्ट्रानिक एक्सचें प्रणाली लगाने का प्रस्ताव है ।

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